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Area Deaths

J. Clyde Hall

FAIRFIELD - J. Clyde Hall, 89, died today at 4:30 a.m. at his home five miles south of Fairfield, after an extended

He was born Sept. 2, 1886, in Jefferson County to Martin and Lilly Massey Hall, and had lived on the same farm all of his life.

He was active in several farm organizations through the years and practiced soil conservation, receiving the Iowa Soil Conservation achievement award in 1973 as a district winner. He was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

He married Margaret Ball Wellslager Jan, 13, 1973. She survives. Also surviving are five stepchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

The service will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Bir-mingham, with the Rev. Harold Schnedler officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery at Birmingham

The casket will be taken to the church Friday at 11 a.m. from Campbell Funeral Home

Dean Aubrey

LOVILIA - Dean Aubrey, 70, of Des Moines died there Monday. Formerly of Lovilia, he recently retired as a state mine inspector.

The service will , be Thursday at noon at Hamilton Funeral Home in Des Moines, with burial in Altoona.

Escoe E. Messer

FAIRFIELD - Escoe E. Messer, 73, a retired Universal Producing Company employe, died today at 1 a.m. at Clinton, Okla., where he was visiting relatives.

He was born Aug. 25, 1902, at Centerville to Reason and Icle Stout Messer. On Feb. 19, 1944. he married Juanita Bailey at Galesburg, Ill. She died in 1973. Four children and two brothers also preceded him in death.

He had worked more than 25 years at Universal. He was a member of the Free Methodist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Melvin and Raymond, both of Des Moines and Virgil of California; four daughters, Mary Earll of Washington, Iowa, Minnie Turner of Muscatine, Vivian Hynd of Fairfield and Catherine Woodson of Mount Pleasant; 23 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother,

Riley of Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Feb. 1, 1917, she married

Guy Smothers

DELTA — Guy Smothers, 89, of Delta died Tuesday at 12:20 p.m. at the New Sharon, Iowa, Care Center.

He was born Oct. 11, 1888, in Keokuk County to William and Laura Ann Snodgrass Smothers. He had farmed and was a lifetime resident of Keokuk County and a member of the Delta Christian Church.

He married Mary Cathey Sept. 1, 1933, in Eddyville. She survives as do two step-children, Joseph Cathey of Wyoming, Iowa, and Lucille Bjorkman of Korman, Calif.; two stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild. Two brothers, three sisters, one stepson, one stepgrandchild and and one stepgreat-grandchild preceded him in death.

will .The service Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Delta Christian Church, with the Rev. Leonard Leslie ficiating, Burial will be Garrett Cemetery.

Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Curtis L. Marsh

WHAT CHEER - Curtis LeRoy Marsh, 67, died Tuesday at Centerville.

He was born May 4, 1908, in Oklahoma to J. Walter and Atta Gorham Marsh. On March 9, 1927, he married Alice Heintz

manager in Polk City, and had lived in What Cheer the past two years.

Surviving are his widow; four sons, Curtis Jr. of Greensboro, N.C., James of Jewell and Frederick and Lewis, both of California; four daughters, Mrs. Ray Welr of Colo, Mrs. Carman Maxwell of What Cheer, Mrs. Bob Dunshee of Nevada, Iowa, and Mrs. Steven Barger of Chariton; 23 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Hyatt of Kellogg and Mrs. Lowell Halterman of Coggon; and one brother,

George of Sioux City.

The service will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Collins, with the Rev. William Steward officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery Collins.

The body is at Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer.

Jessie V. Johnson

CENTERVILLE — Mrs. Jessie Viola Johnson, 77, died Tuesday at 9:10 a.m. at Golden Age Manor

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PREPARING FOR WINTER—Two members of the Farmington Lions Club rake leaves for senior citizens. The chore was part of the club's current service project of helping

senior citi and yards Hillis Ke Hamberg Moreland:

Dairy barn will be rebuilt

KEOSAUQUA - The dairy barn at the Van Buren County Care Facility near Keosauqua that burned Monday will be rebuilt, according to county

supervisors Arnold Barker of Keosauqua, Tom Nutt of Douds and William Marsh of Farmington spent much of Tuesday at the county home consulting with administrator Kenneth Kerr and others concerning rebuilding plans.

The county home operates a profitable grade A dairy farm with a herd of 30 cows. None of time of Monday's fir although a bull and 10 calve were evacuated.

Cause of the fire which apparently started in a haylo is still under investigation.

A \$561,000 bullding program is already under way at the county home. Supervisor credit the fire departments Stockport, Keosaugua, Doud Birmingham and Farmingte with saving other nearl buildings and equipment fro

Agency church to host lay witness from Illinois

The Agency United Methodist Church is planning a "Weekend with Mary Webster" for Thursday, Oct. 30 through Sunday, Nov. 2.

Bible studies, fellowship meals and evening services

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meetings, Mrs. Webster says she w an average housewife until h encounter with Dr. E. Stanl Jones, who was speaking Peorla, Ill. She had gone ear him talk about India a brary, Des Moines, Iowa changed her life. She v converted.

Gerald Nolin

Gerald B. Nolin has also served on the council for the past 5½ years. He holds a ploma from AIB in accounting, sales and business management and is a credit and financial analyst with Chevron Chemical Co. Nolin is a member of the Altoona Lions Club where he is a past officer and is presently financial chairman of the Altoona United Methodist church.

He and his wife, Joan, live at 103-10th St. SE, and have two children, both at home.



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Howard Leinen

Howard Leinen, incumbent, has served on the council for 11/2 years. Previous to this council appointment, he served on Planning and Zoning Commission for four years. He has been active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for the past five years and is presently scoutmaster of Troop 563. Leinen is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a B.S. in commerce. He is a member of Altoona United lethodist church, an adult nurch school class leader. choir member, member of the executive committee. Iowa

RITES HELD FOR W. DEAN AUBREY

Services for former State Representative W. Dean Aubrey, 71, of 3234 E. Clinton Ave., Des Moines, were held

October 23 at Hamilton's Funeral Home, with burial in the Altoona cemetery.

Mr. Aubrey died of a stroke Monday, October 20 at Mercy hospital after a four-month illness.



W. DEAN

He was a former state representative from Wapello County, serving four terms, resigning in 1959 to take a position as state mine inspector. He retired in 1973.

Born in Munterville in Wapello County, Mr. Aubrey lived in Ottumwa before moving to Altoona 16 years ago. He moved to Des Moines in 1967.

He attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa and had served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Miner's Institute of America and the Altoona United Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife. Evelyn; three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Scott of Altoona, Mrs. Jean Shelley of Ankeny and Mrs. Sandra Grate of Des Moines; two sons, Gary of Des Moines and Michael of Norwalk; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Ketterman of Lineville, Mrs. Florence Martin of Lovilia and Mrs. Ruth Kale of Des Moines; two brothers, Forrest and Raymond, both of Ottumwa: three half-sisters, Mrs. Louise Bricker of Albia. Mrs. Clarice Ralson of Ottumwa and Mrs. Linda Smallwood

cemetery in Elkhart.

Trick or Treat For UNICEF

UNICEF night for Altoona will be Thursday, October 30th (Beggar's night). The Trick or Treat for UNICEF solicitation supports children's needs, not their race, religion, sex or politics.

Altoona residents are asked to give only to children and youth who can identify themselves properly with an orange coin box that says UNICEF on it.

The annual UNICEF campaign by children has raised more than \$46 million for children's health, and nutrition and education programs. with the / ment.

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Ave., will be at noon Thursday at Hamilton's Funeral Home, with burial in the Altoona Cemetery in Altoona.

Mr. Aubrey

died of a W. DEAN stroke Mon- . AUBREY day at Mercy Hospital after a four-month illness.

He was a former state representative from Wapello County, serving four terms in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Born in Munterville in Wapello County, Mr. Aubrey lived in Ottumwa before moving to Des Moines 16 years ago. He was a retired mine inspector for the State of Iowa. He was a mine operator in Ottumwa before moving to Des Moines.

He attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa and had served_in_the_U.S._Marine Corps. He was a member of the Miner's Institute of America and the Altoona United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Scott of Altoona, Mrs. Jean Shelley of Ankeny and Mrs. Sandra Grate of Des Moines; two sons, Gary of Des Moines and Michael of Norwalk; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Ketterman of Lineville, Mrs. Florence Martin of Lovilia and Mrs. Ruth Kale of Des Moines; two brothers, Forrest and Raymond, both of Ottumwa; three half-sisters, Mrs. Louise Bricker of Albia, Mrs. Clarice Ralson of Ottumwa and Mrs. Linda Smallwood of California; and 12 grandchildren.

MRS.CATHERINE McELVOGUE SHAFFER

Graveside services for Mrs.

CLARENCE R. CARTER

Clarence R. Carter, 81, of 3207 Cambridge St. died of a stroke Tuesday at Iowa Lutheran Hospi-

tal after an illness of five years. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ar-nold's High-

land-Park-Funeral Home, CLARENCE R. with burial in CARTER Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.

A native of Marion County, Mr. Carter lived in Oskaloosa for five years before moving to Des Moines in 1942. He was a retired baker and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth: a son, Tex of Ames; a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Haas of Denton, Tex.; two sisters Mrs. Vera Morgan of Newton and Mrs. Velma Reese of Colfax, and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the 'American Heart Fund.

MRS. LOIS H. MILLER

Services for Mrs. Lois - H. Miller, 62, of 255 E. Eighteenth St., will be at 3 p.m.

Thursday at Hamilton's Funeral Home, with burial in the Berwick Cemetery in Berwick.

Mrs. Miller died of mu-

scular dystrophy Monday MRS. Lois H. MILLER at Broadlawns Polk County Hospital after an illness of 15 years.

Born in Carlisle, Mrs. Miller lived in Warren County before moving to Des Moines 35 years ago. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist

MRS. BEULAH L. SCOVEL

Services for Mrs. Beulah L. Scovel, 78, of 618 S.E. Twentyfourth St., will be at 2 p.m.

Thursday at Woodland Hills Church of Christ, with burial in the Oakwood Cemetery in Pleasant Hill. Mrs. Scovel died-of-a-



heart ailment Monday at MRS. BEULAH L t.h e C o m- scover monwealth Care Center, 5608

S.W. Ninth St., after a threemonth illness

Born in Fountain Grove, Mo., Mrs. Scovel lived in Des Moines since 1913. She was a member of the Elderberry Senior Citizen's Club and the Woodland Hills Church.

Survivors include five sons, John, Raymond and Frank, all of Des Moines, Elmer of West Des Moines and Jack- of Barber, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Irene Williams of Des Moines and Mrs. Bernice Conrad of Indianola; a brother, Elmer Hastings of Adrian, Mo.; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandhildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The body is at Hamilton's funeral Home.

MRS. JAVOTTE G. FLINT

Services for Mrs. Javotte G. Flint, 57, of 2225 Garfield Ave., will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton's Funeral Home, with burial in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Flint died of a lung tumor Monday at Des Moines General Hospital after an illness of a week.

Born in Peoria, Ill., Mrs. Flint lived in Des Moines for 30 years. She was employed by National . Handcraft Institute Inc., before her retirement three years ago. She was a member of the East Side Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, Walter; a step-daughter, Mrs. Beverly Overton of NESDAY (AP)

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FAMILY AND PERSONAL HISTORY

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Templar and the Order of the Eastern Star. Of the latter-named organization he was worthy patron for two years. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a charter member of the New London Country Club. In his politics. Dr. Lessenger was a Democrat. Of Baptist faith, he was active in the councils of his church for many years. In 1908-09, he was president of the Baptist Young People's Union of Southeast Iowa. The doctor's hobby was collecting pipes, and he had a collection of three hundred, coming from all over the world. For outdoor recreation, he liked hunting and fishing.

On September 18, 1912, Dr. Earnest J. Lessenger married Florence M. Tibbetts, daughter of George and Nancy-Jane (Craven) Tibbetts. Mrs. Lessenger's father was born in Hornell, New York, and her mother in Pennsylvania. Mr. Tibbetts was a locomotive engineer all his life, with the Erie Railroad, and the Chicago. Burlington and Quincy Railroad. For many years he was engineer on a fast mail route through Iowa and made his home at Ottumwa, and later at Burlington. Both he and his wife are now

deceased.

Dr. and Mrs. Lessenger were the parents of two children: I. Mary Jane, now the wife of Owen Williams of New London, Iowa. He is city mail carrier, while she teaches English in the high school there, being a graduate of the University of Iowa, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two children: Gary, born in 1939, and Samantha Jane, born in 1945. Mary Jane (Lessenger) Williams is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. 2. Earnest Jay, Jr., who also holds a degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy Air Corps, and served in the south Pacific, commissioned a first lieutenant. Discharged in 1946, Earnest J. Lessenger. Jr., returned home and entered radio work for a time, then returned to the University of Iowa where for a time he studied law. He returned to radio work. however, was manager of station KOKX in Keokuk. then moved to Memphis, where he became sales manager for the largest station in Memphis. He married Virginia Rast of Memphis, Tennessee, and they are the parents of two children: John, born in 1946, and a daughter. Eve Jane, born in 1950. Earnest Jay has

now returned to the Navy as lieutenant commander.

Mrs. Florence Tibbetts Lessenger is active in local affairs, being worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the White Shrine. Dr. and Mrs. Lessenger made their home at 213 East

Main Street in New London.

On March 8, 1950, Dr. E. J. Lessenger died at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota where he had gone for surgery. Death was due to a heart attack. He was buried in the family lot at Aspen Grove Cemetery, Burlington, Iowa.

HENRY THOMAS, secretary and treasurer of Eggart and Thomas. Inc. of Mason City, distributors of Goodyear tires, automobile and home accessories and appliances, and proprietors of an automotive and recapping service, was born in Colfax, Iowa, August 23, 1904. He is the son of Henry A. and Mary E. (Wharton) Thomas. His father, the late Henry A. Thomas, who was the owner of a hotel in Colfax, died December 15, 1918.

Henry Thomas attended elementary school in Col-

fax and for one year was a student at the Colfax High School. He then transferred to East High School in Des Moines, from which he was graduated in 1922. During 1927-28 he studied at the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston, after which ill health necessitated his spending a winter in Arizona. In 1929 Mr. Thomas came to Mason City and became associated with Joe Daniels, Goodyear tire distributor. He remained with this concern until 1935. From 1935 to 1941 he served as purchasing agent for the S. and R. Chevrolet Company in Mason City, and from 1942 to 1945 as senior accountant for Frank J. Enbusk, Inc., Certified Public Accountants. In 1946 Mr. Thomas bought a part interest in Joe Daniels' Goodyear and automotive agency. In October, 1948, he and a partner, Mr. Eggart, bought out Mr. Daniels and became sole owners of this automotive agency, which is now known as Eggart and Thomas, Inc. Mr. Thomas serves as secretary and treasurer of the new enterprise, which employs ten people. It handles Goodyear tires, automobile and home accessories and appliances and has a recapping service. Mr. Thomas was a director of the Exchange Club, and is a member of the Executive Club, Euchre and Cycle Club, the Mason City and Clear Lake Chamber of Com-merce, and the Mason City Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His great hobby is photography, and he and his wife are ardent collectors of antiques

On September 1, 1945, Henry Thomas married Greta Chappell, the daughter of Dr. E. E. and Idonia (Barnes) Chappell. Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Wheaton College. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one

son, Henry Edward, born August 13, 1947.

W. DEAN AUBREY—In the coal mining industry of Iowa, notably in the Ottumwa area, W. Dean Aubrey has become a conspicuous operator. His career has been colorful, ranging from service with the United States Marines, through labor union activities to his present identification with coal mining. He is a native of Muntersville, Iowa, born on September 28, 1904, son of William and Rasa (Chisman) Aubrey, his father now being retired from most business activities

W. Dean Aubrey was educated in the public grammar and high schools, from which he was graduated in 1924. In preparation for his career, he went to Penn College, where he majored in commercial administration. However, when he became of age he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and participated in tours of duty from 1925 to 1932. In what was still the period of national depression, he, in the latter year, left the service to join up with the activities of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, with which he remained associated in Ottumwa for five years. Later his work was in connection with the coal mining industry and in it he became thoroughly interested. From 1937 to 1946, he was connected with various coal mines in Iowa. In 1946, in partnership with two brothers, the Lick Creek Coal Mine and the Muntersville Coal Company were purchased, which have since been operated on an active scale.

In Ottumwa, Mr. Aubrey has an established reputation as a public-spirited citizen, co-operative with projects intended to promote the best interests of the city. In 1944 he was named a member of the Ottumwa Park Board, and he serves on the Rent Control Advisory Board. A staunch Democrat, he was elected to the Iowa General Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives, Fifty-third Session. Mr.

Aubrey is a director of the Ottumwa Community Chest, is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is a member of the Democratic party. He worships in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Ottumwa, Iowa, on July 27, 1935, W. Dean Aubrey married Evelyn J. Smith, daughter of Harry and Pearl Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey are the parents of the following children: I. Patricia Ann, born July 2, 1936. 2. Gary Dean, born January 11, 1939. 3. Sandra K., born August 25, 1941. 4. Jean Marie, born May 26, 1945. 5. Muriel Dwajne, born April 26, 1948.

KATHERYN CLANCY METZ—If not born to the "Fourth Estate," it has been in this field of endeavor that Mrs. Katheryn Clancy Metz has been identified prominently over the most of her life. After a brief career as an educator, she became first editor and then publisher of the "Lamoni Chronicle," an influential newspaper of southern Iowa which will soon celebrate the second decade of her service at the helm, guiding its course throughout a rather stormy period in American annals. She has not found her duties incompatible with marriage and the rearing of a family, nor with giving leadership to organizations and movements. As a writer she has also contributed articles to national magazines, the most quoted being "Petticoats and Politics" in the "Country Gentleman."

As Katheryn Clancy, Mrs. Metz was born in Lucas, Iowa, June 20, 1904, the daughter of John T. and Iona (Bagley) Clancy. Their daughter was prepared for higher education in the high school of Attica, and matriculated at Graceland College, where she was graduated with the degree of Associate of Arts, class of 1925. In 1926 and 1927, she was a teacher in the

public schools of Marysville.

In 1930, Mrs. Metz became the editor of the "La-moni Chronicle," and on March 6, 1950, its publisher, when she purchased the paper from W. H. Blair. To this exacting profession, Mrs. Metz has given exceptional and efficient devotion. With her purchase of the "Lamoni Chronicle," she has become probably the only woman publisher of an Iowa weekly. She not only is a chronicler of the news, but an interpreter thereof, wielding an influence that contributes to the best interests of the community, and Decatur County, and as well to the intelligent understanding of what is going on in the world. Mrs. Metz is also the author of a widely-read column, "Between You and Me." One of her better known achievements is her service, for six months in 1949, as "exchange editor" in Mexico. She was sent on this assignment by the Iowa Press Association, and the Cadena de Periodicos Garcia Valesca, a Mexican syndicate publishing nineteen daily newspapers and five magazines, sent a man representative to Iowa to work on several newspapers while Mrs. Metz was engaged in Mexico. This exchange was made in an attempt to solidify the Western Hemisphere by explaining to the readers the customs of the people by representatives of their respective countries. It is significant that a group of weekly editors from the Middlewest, so often called isolationist, was the first to make a concrete effort to do something about better relations. Mrs. Metz realizes full well the advantages of keeping in touch with colleagues in her profession, especially those of her own sex, and is a popular figure in the Iowa Press Women's Club. a director of the Fifth District, and member of the National Federation of Press Women. Her influence in politics as a Republican and public-spirited citizen. is indicated by her current membership in the Iowa General Assembly. House of Representatives. She has introduced and backed progressive legislation and has won high rating by her associates. A prominent clubwoman, Mrs. Metz is affiliated with the local groups, the Federation of Women's Clubs of Iowa, and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She belongs to Lodge No. 282, Order of the Eastern Star, and to the Reorganized Church of the Latter-day Saints.

On December 15, 1926, Katheryn Clancy married John L. Metz, and they are the parents of two children: I. Gayle, who married Walter Johnson. 2, Jeanne, who married Alfred Decker.

HARRY NIELSEN—The career of Harry Nielsen has been connected with agriculture for the most of his mature years. After a brief period engaged in a different type of enterprise, he found he liked the business with which he was familiar from boyhood, and in the Blencoe area he has followed general farming for more than the past quarter of a century. During this time he has become a prominent figure in agricultural organizations and public offices, currently being a member of the State Legislature.

Born at Walnut, Iowa, on May 3, 1895, Harry Nielsen is the son of Carl and Martina (Christiansen) Nielsen. Reared on a farm, he attended rural and Little Sioux schools, Harrison County. He was associated with his father's agricultural interests until a year or two after he became of age, and rented a farm of two hundred acres, raising mainly wheat and corn. He sold his holding in 1918 to join the Army but the Armistice was signed before he was inducted and he joined his brother-in-law in the hotel business at Onawa, county seat of Monona County. In 1922, however, he returned to agriculture in the Blencoe section, where he cultivates some two hundred acres of his own land, and rents five hundred and sixty more, growing, on a large scale, wheat, corn, alfalfa and other hays, with smaller amounts of other crops. His step-son is a partner in the business.

Harry Nielsen is thoroughly up-to-date in his agricultural pursuits, a member of the Farm Bureau and also in close contact with fellow operators, and is a board member of the Blencoe Farmers Elevator. Public-spirited, he has served as township trustee for six years, is a member and current president of the Blencoe School Board, and in 1948 was elected to serve as a Representative, for 1949-50, in the Iowa State Legislature. He is a Democrat in politics, a subject of which he has long been a student, and is influential in party councils and campaigns. Fraternally he is a ffiliated with the Modern Woodmen of the World.

He is of the Congregational faith.

On July 22, 1922, Harry Nielsen married Irene Miller, daughter of David and Burzilla (Conger) Miller, her father a railroad man. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen are the parents of two children: 1. Jack, born in April, 1923, who is a dirt contractor; he married Marcella Shanklin, and they have two children: Jacqueline, and Wilbur Scott. 2. Kathryn, who was born July 14, 1931, and married James Howschultz. Mr. Nielsen has three step-children: 1. Kenneth Perry, a farmer; he married Lucy McHugh, and they have two daughters and one son: Joan, Judy and Patrick. 2. Earl D. Perry, associated in business with his step-father; he married Dona Crabb, and they are the parents of two children: James and Lyle. 3. Janyce, who married T. R. Caritt, a farmer, and they have two daughters: Patricia and Sally.